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FROM : W. C. Sullivan *WCS*SUBJECT: TUSCARORA INDIANS
MARCH ON WASHINGTON
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Indians of the Iroquois Confederacy have scheduled their march on Washington for March 19, 1959. They seek interviews with the President and the Secretary of Defense. Iroquois delegation expects support from Indian tribes across the United States and will be joined by Brigadier General Herbert C. Holdridge, U. S. Army, Retired. Office of Secretary of Defense, Secret Service, and State Department advised. *agh 10-1*

Presidential Powwow

My memorandum of February 19, 1959, advised that Tuscarora Indians and Indians from other tribes in the Iroquois Confederacy planned to march on Washington, D. C., for the purpose of consulting with President Eisenhower. The Indians have been protesting payment of New York State income taxes.

Wallace (Mad Bear) Anderson, a Tuscarora Indian leader, has now stated that the march will take place on March 19, 1959, on which date the Indians intend to call upon the President at the White House and demand an interview. Anderson stated at Buffalo, New York, on March 9, 1959, that if the President would not see the Indian delegation the Indians would then lay their grievances before the United Nations.

Nationwide Uprising

According to Anderson, all six tribes of the Iroquois Nation will be represented in the delegation. He added that 170 telegrams had been sent to Indians across the United States requesting them to join the march. He indicated that he expects hundreds of Indians to arrive in Washington on March 19, 1959, all dressed in full Indian regalia. Brigadier General Herbert C. Holdridge, United States Army, Retired, is scheduled to meet the Indians at Syracuse, New York, and proceed with them to Washington. *WCS*

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